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--10. A cosmetic or dermatologic composition for preventing the oxidation of one active ingredient selected from the group consisting of an ascorbyl compound and ascorbic acid which comprises a cosmetically or dermatologically effective amount of at least one active ingredient selected from the group consisting of flavones, flavanones and flavonoids and an auxiliary.

--11. The composition according to claim 10 wherein said flavone, flavanone and flavonoid is present in a concentration of about 0.01% to about 10.0% by weight of said composition.

--12. The composition according to claim 10 wherein said flavone, flavanone and flavonoid is present in a concentration of about 0.05% to about 5.0% by weight of said composition.

--13. The composition according to claim 10 wherein said ascorbyl compound and ascorbic acid is present in a concentration of about 0.001% to about 10.0% by weight of said composition.

--14. The composition according to claim 10 wherein said ascorbyl compound and

ascorbic acid is present in a concentration of about 0.1% to about 2.0% by weight of said composition.

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--15. The composition according to claim 10 wherein said active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of flavones, flavanones and flavonoids is  $\alpha$ -glucosylrutin.

--16. The composition according to claim 10 further comprising one or more complexing agents.

--17. The composition according to claim 16 wherein said complexing agent is selected from the group consisting of tartaric acid and anions thereof, citric acid and anions thereof and aminopolycarboxylic acids and anions thereof.

--18. The composition according to claim 16 wherein said complexing agent is selected from the group consisting of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid and anions thereof, nitrilotriacetic acid and anions thereof, hydroxyethylenediaminetriacetic acid and anions thereof, diethyleneaminopentaacetic acid and anions thereof, and trans-1,2-diaminocyclohexanetetraacetic acid and anions thereof.

--19. The composition according to claim 16 wherein said complexing agent is

present in a concentration of about 0.01% by weight to about 10.0% by weight of said composition.

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--20. The composition according to claim 16 wherein said complexing agent is present in a concentration of about 0.05% by weight to about 5.0% by weight of said composition.

--21. The composition according to claim 16 wherein said complexing agent is present in a concentration of about 0.01% by weight to about 2.0% by weight of said composition.

#### **CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

If any extension of time for this response is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. Please charge the required petition fee to Deposit Account No. 02-1445.

#### **ADDITIONAL FEE**

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